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EUR DIVISION PROJECT ROUTING SHEET

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CATOMIC

DATE	RECOMMENDATIONS/ACTION
24/6/70	BRANCH CHIEF Consistent with the request of C/EUR we are submitting this project approval request in severely abbreviated form, however, all of the basic data is provided. C/E/s
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	E/REPORTS DECLASSIFIED AND RELEASED BY CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY SOURCE METHOD EXEMPTION 252B NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT DATE 2007
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	TYPE OF ACTION	X	FI/C		CA	
	X NEW PROJECT APPROVAL	DIVISION European				
	AMENDMENT NO.	FIELD STATION				
	RENEWAL FY 19	BRANCH German		DESK DAO		
	EXTENSION	CASE OFFICER			DATE 1 June 70	
	TERMINATION	ROOM NO. 4C44	BUILDING Hqs.	TEL. EXT.	RED 1076	BLACK 6028

CONCURRENCES OF DIVISIONS

ORGANIZATIONAL ELEMENT	TYPED NAME (and signature)	DATES		MEMO ATTACHED	
		IN	OUT	YES	NO
DC/E/G	[Signature]		24/6/70		✓
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AL		AT THIS ACTION		FY	TOTAL FUNDS AUTHORIZATION	
FROM	PERIOD	TO		19 70	\$	
1 Jul 70		30 Jun		19 71	\$	
APPROVING AUTHORITY C/EUR			DATE	15 JUL 1970		

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CATOMIC - Bonn, West Germany - Soviet operations consolidated project covering six existing access agents and providing for the recruitment of additional agents.
Cost: [] FY 1971

Summary

Project CATOMIC is [] Soviet access agent project. It is targeted against personnel at the Soviet Embassy near Bonn and the Soviet Trade Mission in Cologne, as well as other Soviet targets in Germany.

Purpose

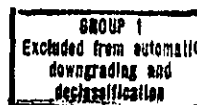
The basic purpose of Project CATOMIC is the collection of significant operational and assessment data on selected Soviet human targets, with emphasis on vulnerability data or susceptibility clues which could lead to recruitment or defection of intelligence sources. CATOMIC agents will also facilitate, in appropriate cases, direct staff officer access to Soviet targets for advanced assessment or recruitment purposes. These objectives are listed as Priority A-1 in the current Operating Directive []

A secondary purpose is the collection of information on Communist China, through the use of West German companies and individuals who have access to such information. This objective is listed as Priority A-4 in the current Operating Directive []

Description

CATOMIC is the cryptonym assigned to Bonn's consolidated Soviet operations access agent project and is designed to cover new agent prospects currently under development and existing assets utilized against the local Soviet target. Project CATOMIC is directed against the Soviet Embassy near Bonn, West Germany, the Soviet Trade Mission in Cologne, West Germany, and the personnel assigned to both installations (as well as all other Soviet potential target personnel operating in Germany with particular reference to the Bonn/Cologne area). Of the 94 persons officially assigned to the Soviet Embassy, 53 are known or suspect members of Soviet intelligence. Of the 70 persons officially assigned to the Soviet Trade Mission, 29 are known or suspect members of Soviet Intelligence.

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Efforts will also be made to recruit agents already in, or to be inserted in, cultural, academic and research circles or any other areas of public or private life known to be frequented by Soviet target personalities. Current efforts to identify and recruit new agents from among the existing and known contacts of the various Soviet officials will continue.

Background

The [] access agent program was previously covered under Project CATOPHAT, whose assets, with the exception of HIDRONE, are now included in Project CATOMIC. HIDRONE, a Hungarian journalist, will be included in another project.

Agents and Assets

Annex A Contains detailed descriptions of the individual assets of this project. The following are brief identifications:

- CATOMIC/1 - A secretary, now working for Siemens
- CATOMIC/2 - A secretary, until recently working for Glahe and Company
- CATOMIC/3 and CATOMIC/4 - A husband and wife LP/OP team in an apartment house where Soviets live
- CATOMIC/5 - A chauffeur for two Soviet Trade Mission officials
- CATOMIC/6 - An attractive part-time journalist who is an access agent
- CATOMIC/7 - A PhD in nuclear chemistry who is seeking employment to provide him access to Soviets

Cover and Security

The cover and security of each asset are described in Annex A. Assets will be compartmented from each other.

Coordination

None.

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Emergency Plans

The emergency contact arrangements which have been provided for each asset are described in Annex A.

Costs

The estimated cost for Project CATOMIC for FY 1971 is [] A detailed breakdown is contained in Annex B.

This project was not included in the current Operating Program of the European Division. The costs of the project will be absorbed within the current budget allocation of the European Division.

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ANNEX A - Descriptions of Individual Agents

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CATOMIC/1

CATOMIC/1 (formerly INORBIT/18, CAFREIGHT/1) was originally recruited as a safehouse keeper [] At her own volition she returned home to Munich and was recontacted by [] case officer as a potential CATOMIC candidate. In October 1969 she agreed to participate in the CATOMIC Program and was scheduled to begin employment in April, at CIA direction, in a large German firm (Siemens) known to have a large Soviet and East German clientele. CATOMIC/1 was granted an Operational Approval on 4 December 1968. The OA was updated 26 February 1970 to provide for utilization as an access agent. CATOMIC/1 is motivated toward CIA cooperation by financial considerations. She likes the United States and its policies, and she has studied English extensively. Close contact with her current case officers - including [] Case Officer who assists [] in the operation - should give her a feeling of belonging and increase her responsiveness in the future. CATOMIC/1 has been trained in security and communications and will be trained in observation, reporting and other areas of tradecraft as soon as possible. She has not previously been committed operationally; her security remains good. CATOMIC/1 is met at least twice monthly by a [] case officer and less frequently by [] Case Officer. Meetings are conducted by pre-arrangement and are held either in public restaurants or a safe house. Both agent and case officer have telephone numbers and mailing addresses for emergency contact.

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CATOMIC/2

CATOMIC/2 (formerly CACRISP/1, CAFREIGHT/2), a former East German interpreter, was recruited [] for possible use in East German operations after she was deported to West Germany (by East German authorities). She was deported upon partial completion of a jail sentence for attempting to defect while assigned to a Middle East post. The initial lead to CATOMIC/2 was supplied by newspaper accounts of her deportation and she was located through the records of the Joint Refugee Operations Center in Berlin (although she never actually processed through Berlin). Following completion of background checks and favorable resolution of possible security factors (including a polygraph test on 10 February 1968) an Operational Approval was granted on 6 May 1968. As CATOMIC/2 never actually resided in West Berlin, administrative and operational control was transferred to the [] Soviet unit for her utilization as an access agent. CATOMIC/2 is motivated to cooperate with American Intelligence because of her unpleasant experiences as a resident of the communist world, by her desire to help friends still residing in the East, and because of appreciation for financial and moral support which was offered her early upon her arrival in the West. The major control factor lies in her general agreement with American intelligence objectives. She has been trained in personal and operational security, clandestine communications, observation, and reporting. CATOMIC/2 has been employed with a firm (Glahe Company) whose management personnel are reported to have extensive Soviet contacts, including a Bonn primary target, AEDICKEY. CATOMIC/2 has been met almost weekly in a [] safehouse maintained primarily for that purpose. Meetings were generally held by pre-arrangement, although both agent and case officer have telephone numbers and mailing addresses for emergency contact purposes. Unfortunately, CATOMIC/2 has been involved in an unhappy love affair with someone residing in the Frankfurt area and she has felt that the only possibility of straightening out her difficulties rests in her returning to Frankfurt. As of mid-April, she has resigned from the above firm and returned to Frankfurt to be used in some other CATOMIC capacity in the future, following the birth of her child.

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CATOMIC/3 and CATOMIC/4

CATOMIC/3 (formerly AEISSUE/1, AETOPHAT/1, CATOPHAT/1), a former BfV staff officer, resides next door to AEDICKEY whom he has met and against whom he operates the CAVOICE listening post. He has good potential for improving this relationship. He also performs various investigative tasks on our behalf. CATOMIC/4 (formerly AEISSUE/2, AETOPHAT/2, CATOPHAT/2) is the wife of CATOMIC/3 and assists him in his work. She was granted an Operational Approval on 17 August 1966. He was granted an Operational Approval on 27 October 1965. CATOMIC/3 is motivated to cooperate with CIA partially because of financial considerations since his retirement pay is small. However, as a retired BfV officer, the intelligence business is in his blood and the work which he does adds a spark of interest and excitement to what would otherwise be a drab retirement existence. Also, he is in agreement with American political objectives. Other than the inherent dangers existing in CATOMIC/3's close physical proximity to the target, and his former BfV employment, there are no known security problems in this case. Because of CATOMIC/3's previous wide range of experience in BfV, his training has been limited to that necessary to perform the explicit tasks to which he is currently assigned. CATOMIC/3 is met at least four times monthly by a [] contract agent, primarily for the purpose of exchanging tapes and LP observations. Meetings are held by pre-arrangement in a variety of public restaurants. Both case officer and agent have telephone numbers and mailing addresses for emergency contact. No significant security problems have thus far arisen. As this project is being prepared, we learned through CAVOICE and CATOMIC/3 that in early April AEDICKEY has moved to another residence and that the apartment he just vacated is being taken over by another Soviet Official. CATOMIC/3 will continue to monitor CAVOICE and the movements of the new tenant on a trial basis.

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CATOMIC/5

CATOMIC/5 (formerly AEHAULER/1, AEPAYOFF/7, CATOPHAT/16), a young German national who works as chauffeur for a firm involved extensively in trade relations with the Soviet Union was first spotted in late 1964 when he was repeatedly observed in the company of the Soviet Trade Mission Officials. He was recruited when it was determined that he drove numerous Soviet business representatives to various cities on a continuing basis and that he maintained good, friendly relations with some of them. He currently acts as chauffeur for two Trade Mission officials, and has, in this capacity frequent, if superficial, access to numerous other Trade Mission employees and visitors. He was granted an Operational Approval on 15 July 1965. He was subsequently approached by German security officials to cooperate with them in covering the local Soviet target. However, he rejected their recruitment pitch, and, because of the circumstances under which it was made, wisely and defensively reported the approach to his Soviet employers. Later coordination with German authorities on the matter resulted in a CIA admission that CATOMIC/5 had already been recruited by CIA. CATOMIC/5 has been polygraphed and it appears that his security remains good. He is motivated to CIA cooperation largely because of financial considerations although at the time of his recruitment he was encouraged to do so primarily on an ideological basis. CATOMIC/5 is met at least once monthly, usually by pre-arrangement, outside the Bonn area, in a variety of public places. For meetings where documents and other materials are shown, hotel rooms are utilized. Both agent and case officer have telephone numbers and mailing addresses for emergency contact.

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CATOMIC/6

CATOMIC/6 (formerly CATOPHAT/22) is a 39-year-old part-time free lance journalist with good professional contacts and credentials. She is an attractive, well educated, recently widowed woman with one child. Her husband, also a journalist, was under development at the time of his death in April 1969 and the good rapport stemming from this earlier relationship was exploited in her successful recruitment. An operational approval was granted 13 April 1970 for utilization as a Soviet access agent. CATOMIC/6 is motivated toward CIA cooperation largely on financial grounds, but is also very much interested in the type of work to which she has been assigned. Good rapport with her case officer reinforces her motivations. CATOMIC/6 has been trained in personal and operational security, limited clandestine communications, and observation and reporting as appropriate for specific assignments. (For instance, she was given observation and reporting instructions on the Soviet office she would be visiting in her effort to establish contact with the wife of AEDUCKBILL.) CATOMIC/6 is met at least three times monthly, usually by pre-arrangement, in a variety of public places and in her apartment. Both case officer and agent have telephone numbers for emergency contacts. Case officer can also contact agent by mail and a bona fides recognition signal has been arranged for emergency introduction of a new case officer.

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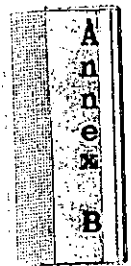
CATOMIC/7

CATOMIC/7 (formerly CACLOCK/16), a German national, was recruited [redacted] when he escaped from East Germany in 1958. He has been active as an agent asset ever since in a wide variety of operational assignments. In September 1969, upon graduation with a PhD in nuclear chemistry, he moved to Munich in order to enhance his professional employment potential. Operational and administrative control was transferred to a [redacted] case officer at that time. He is currently seeking employment which will provide him access of interest to Soviet targets. He is motivated to CIA co-operation because of early assistance received as a new refugee, general agreement with American objectives, and long CIA involvement. He has been trained in all aspects of tradecraft, including a recent intensive TOEXCEL course. His security was improved considerably by his removal from an existence, under alias, in the Berlin leftist community and his move to Munich. He was granted an Operational Approval on 9 September 1964 and last polygraphed on 29 August 1967. A more recent polygraph was waived in late March 1970 by Headquarters. He is met at least monthly by a [redacted] case officer, either in restaurants or at his apartment, meetings being conducted usually by pre-arrangement. Both agent and case officer have telephone numbers and mailing addresses for emergency contact.

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ANNEX B - Costs



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The estimated cost for Project CATOMIC for FY 1971
is itemized as follows:

<u>AGENT</u>	<u>FY 1971</u>	<u>FY 1972</u>
 CATOMIC/1		
Salary	[]	
Ops Expenses		
Total	()	()
 CATOMIC/2		
Salary	()	
Ops Expenses		
Total	()	()
 CATOMIC/3 (and CATOMIC/4)		
Salary	1,620	
Ops Expenses	<u>100</u>	
Total	1,720	1,720
 CATOMIC/5		
Salary	()	
Ops Expenses		
Total	()	()
 CATOMIC/6		
Salary	()	
Ops Expenses		
Total	()	()
 CATOMIC/7		
Salary	()	
Ops Expenses		
Total	()	()
 Salaries and operational expenses for agents already recruited		
	()	()
 Salaries and operational expenses for agents to be recruited		
	<u>()</u>	<u>()</u>
Total Project Cost	<u>()</u>	<u>()</u>

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